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SUBJ: TUCSA CALLS ON SAG EITHER TO BRING BANNED TRADE UNIONISTS  
TO TRIAL OR RESCIND BANNING ORDERS

REF: DURBAN 41; JOHANNESBURG 133

1. WHILE REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE IN OR SUPPORT MASS MEETING HELD  
IN DURBAN FEBRUARY 9 TO PROTEST BANNING FEBRUARY 1 OF FOUR TRADE  
UNIONISTS (REFTELS) TUCSA HAS PUBLICLY CALLED UPON MINISTER OF  
JUSTICE EITHER TO BRING VICTIMS TO TRIAL OR RESCIND BANNING  
ORDERS. FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT ON SUBJECT ISSUED BY TUCSA  
OFFICERS' COMMITTEE:

QTE THE SECURITY AND THE SAFETY OF THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND  
SOUTH AFRICA DEMANDS THAT THE TRADE UNIONISTS WHO WERE RECENTLY  
BANNED BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL, OR THE BANNING ORDERS BE RESCINDED.

QTE THE LABOUR MOVEMENT AND SOUTH AFRICA MUST KNOW THE FULL  
DETAILS, IF ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY THESE  
TRADE UNION OFFICIALS.

QTE THE UNEXPLAINED BANNING OF THESE PERSONS POSES A SERIOUS

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THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE LABOUR MOVEMENT FOR WE DO NOT KNOW

WHETHER OR NOT ILLEGWL AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES HAVE (OR HAVE NOT) RECENTLY TAKEN PLACE WITHIN OUR RANKS.

QTE IF THESE TRADE UNIONISTS HAVE BEEN INDULGING IN ILLEGAL OR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, THEN THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA MUST BE FURNISHED WITH THE FACTS WHICH CAN BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH A JUDICIAL TRIAL.

QTE ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST SUBVERSION AND PROTECT THE WORKERS.

QTE TUCSA REITERATES THAT IT IS IRREVOCABLY OPPOSED TB BANNINGS WITHOUT TRIAL, BELIEVING SINCERELY THAT PERSONS MUST NOT BE BANNED BUT TRIED FOR ANY ALLEGED OFFENCES THAT THEY MAY HAVE COMMITTED AGAINST THE LAWS OF THE LAND. UNQTE

2. COMMENT: AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TUCSA'S REAL REASONS FOR REFUSING TO SUPPORT BANNED ACTIVISTS MORE ENERGETICALLY INCLUDE: A) TOP LEADERS' BASICALLY MORE CONSERVATIVE APPROACH TO ORGANIZING BLACKS; B) FRONT OFFICE PIQUE AT HIGHLY INDEPENDENT LINE WHICH BOLTON & CO. HAVE BEEN PURSUING; C) SUSPICION (APPARENTLY GENUINE) THAT BOLTON MIGHT HAVE FALLEN UNDER INFLUENCE OF QTE NEO MARXISTS UNQTE AND D) FEAR OF SAG REPRESSION DIRECTED AGAINST TUCSA AS A WHOLE AS ELECTION DAY APPROACHES. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, IN HEAT OF INTERNECINE STRUGGLE, LEADERS SEEM EITHER TO HAVE IGNORED OR DISCOUNTED STRONG PROBABILITY THAT FAILURE TO PROVIDE ALL-OUT SUPPORT TO DURBAN ACTIVISTS WOULD CAUSE TUCSA'S ALREADY LIMITED CREDIBILITY IN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CIRCLES TO SINK TO VIRTUALLY UNSALVAGEABLE DEPTHS. DEGRACE

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